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SUBJECT: NIGERIA SEEKS USG SUPPORT FOR SEAT ON WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

1. ACTING DIRECTOR MEA'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT HAS ASKED USG SUPPORT FOR NIGERIA'S BID TO BE ELECTED TO A SEAT ON WORLD FOOD COUNCIL. THE OFFICIAL EXPLAINED THAT NIGERIA IS BASICALLY AN AGRICULTURAL NATION AND HAD MADE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. ACTING DIRECTOR EXPRESSED PUZZLEMENT THAT NIGERIA HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN ELECTED TO COUNCIL.

2. RECOMMENDATION: WE URGE DEPARTMENT TO GIVE EARLY AND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO THIS FMG REQUEST. POSITIVE RESPONSE WOULD BE HELPFUL AS DEMONSTRATION OF OUR DESIRE IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH FMG. NIGERIA'S COMMITMENT TO AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IS SINCERE AND WE BELIEVE NIGERIAN REPRESENTATIVE COULD PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE COUNCIL.
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